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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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*To the Congress of the United States:*

I transmit herewith Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1953, prepared in accordance with the Reorganization Act of 1949, as amended, and providing for the reorganization of various foreign aid functions and agencies. My reasons for proposing the plan are stated in another message transmitted to the Congress today.

After investigation, I have found and hereby declare that each reorganization included in Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1953 is necessary to accomplish one or more of the purposes set forth in section 2 (a) of the Reorganization Act of 1949, as amended. I have also found and hereby declare that it is necessary to include in the accompanying reorganization plan, by reason of reorganizations made thereby, provisions for the appointment and compensation of officers specified in section 1 of the plan. The rates of compensation fixed for these officers are, respectively, those which I have found to prevail in respect of comparable officers in the executive branch of the Government.

The statutory authority for the exercise of the functions abolished by section 8 (a) (5) of the reorganization plan is section 413 (a) of the Act for International Development, as amended. The vesting of the functions of planning, implementing, and managing the programs authorized by that act, as amended, in an officer other than the President is incongruous with the pattern of the act as a whole,

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whereby other functions are vested in the President, with power of delegation. In the interest of having the most flexible arrangements for the administration of the act, the functions in question could be either abolished or transferred to the President. I have concluded that they overlap the authority of the President under the act generally, are thus dispensable, and should be abolished.

I expect that the improved organizational arrangement provided for in Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1953 will lead to substantial economies and significantly improved effectiveness of administration. It is not practicable, however, to itemize at this time the reductions in expenditures which will probably be brought about by the taking effect of the reorganizations included in the reorganization plan.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 1, 1953.

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1. *Establishment of Foreign Operations Administration.*—

(a) There is hereby established a new agency which shall be known as the Foreign Operations Administration, hereinafter referred to as the "Administration."

(b) There shall be at the head of the Administration a Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, hereinafter referred to as the "Director." The Director shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall receive compensation at the rate of \$22,500 a year. The Secretary of State shall advise with the President concerning the appointment and tenure of the Director.

(c) There shall be in the Administration a Deputy Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall receive compensation at the rate of \$17,500 a year. The Deputy Director shall perform such functions as the Director shall from time to time designate, and shall act as Director during the absence or disability of the Director or in the event of a vacancy in the office of Director.

(d) There are hereby established in the Administration six new offices with such title or titles as the Director shall from time to time determine. Appointment thereto shall be by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The compensation for each of two of the said offices shall be at the rate of \$16,000 a year and the compensation for each of the other four offices shall be at the rate of \$15,000 a year. The persons appointed to the said new offices shall perform such functions as the Director shall from time to time designate, and are authorized to act as Director, as the Director may designate, during the absence or disability of the Director and the Deputy Director or in the event of vacancies in the offices of Director and Deputy Director.

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SEC. 2. *Transfer of functions to the Director.*—There are hereby transferred to the Director:

(a) All functions vested by the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as amended, or by any other statute in the Director for Mutual Security provided for in section 501 of that Act, or in the Mutual Security Agency created by that Act, or in any official or office of that Agency, including the functions of the Director for Mutual Security as a member of the National Security Council.

(b) All functions vested by the Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act of 1951 in the Administrator created by that Act.

(c) The function vested by section 6 of the Yugoslav Emergency Relief Assistance Act of 1950 in the Secretary of State.

SEC. 3. *Institute of Inter-American Affairs.*—The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, together with its functions, is hereby transferred to the Administration. All functions vested by the Institute of Inter-American Affairs Act in the Secretary of State are hereby transferred to the Director. Functions with respect to serving as employees of the said Institute or as members of the board of directors thereof, including eligibility, as the case may be, to be detailed as such employees or to serve as such members, are hereby transferred from the officials and employees of the Department of State to the officials and employees of the Administration. The Institute shall be administered subject to the direction and control of the Director.

SEC. 4. *National Advisory Council.*—The Director shall be a member of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems (22 U. S. C. 286b).

SEC. 5. *Performance of functions transferred to the Director.*—The Director may from time to time make such provisions as he shall deem appropriate authorizing the performance by any other officer, or by any employee or organizational entity, of the Administration, of any function of the Director, except the function of being a member of the National Security Council and the function of being a member of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems.

SEC. 6. *Transfer of functions to the President.*—All functions vested in the Secretary of State by the United Nations Palestine Refugee Aid Act of 1950 are hereby transferred to the President.

SEC. 7. *Incidental transfers.*—(a) Personnel, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds, employed, used, held, available, or to be made available in connection with functions transferred or vested by this reorganization plan shall be transferred, at such time or times as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall direct, as follows:

(1) So much of those relating to functions transferred to or vested in the Director or the Administration as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall determine shall be transferred to the Administration.

(2) Those of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs shall be transferred along with the Institute.

(3) So much of those relating to the functions transferred by section 6 hereof as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall determine shall be transferred to the agency or agencies of the Government to which the President delegates the said functions.

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(b) Such further measures and dispositions as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall deem to be necessary in order to effectuate the transfers provided for in subsection (a) of this section shall be carried out in such manner as he shall direct and by such agencies as he shall designate.

SEC. 8. *Abolitions.*—(a) There are hereby abolished:

(1) The offices of Director for Mutual Security and Deputy Director for Mutual Security, provided for in sections 501 and 504, respectively, of the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as amended (including the organization in the Executive Office of the President known as the Office of the Director for Mutual Security).

(2) The Mutual Security Agency.

(3) The title of Administrator provided for in the Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act.

(4) The four positions provided for in section 406 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended.

(5) The offices of Administrator and Deputy Administrator for Technical Cooperation, provided for in section 413 (a) of the Act for International Development, as amended, together with the functions vested in the Administrator by the said section 413 (a), as amended.

(6) The offices of the Special Representative in Europe and Deputy Special Representative in Europe, provided for in section 504 (a) of the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as amended. The abolition of the said offices of Representative and Deputy Representative shall become effective on September 1, 1953 (unless a later date is required by the provisions of section 6 (a) of the Reorganization Act of 1949, as amended).

(b) The Director shall wind up any outstanding affairs of the afore-said abolished agencies and offices not otherwise provided for in this reorganization plan.

SEC. 9. *Interim provisions.*—The President may authorize the persons who, immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization plan, hold offices or occupy positions abolished by section 8 hereof to hold offices and occupy positions under section 1 hereof until the latter offices and positions are filled pursuant to the provisions of the said section 1 or by recess appointment, as the case may be, but in no event for any period extending more than sixty days after the said effective date, as follows:

(a) The Director and Deputy Director for Mutual Security as the Director and Deputy Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, respectively.

(b) The Administrator for Technical Cooperation and the person occupying the senior position provided for in section 406 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended, to serve in the two senior positions created by section 1 (d) hereof.

(c) The Deputy Administrator for Technical Cooperation and the persons occupying the three positions provided for in section 406 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended, to serve in the four positions created by section 1 (d) hereof which have compensation at the rate of \$15,000 a year.

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After investigation, I have found and hereby declare that each reorganization included in Reorganization Plan No. 8 of 1953 is necessary to accomplish one or more of the purposes set forth in section 2 (a) of the Reorganization Act of 1949, as amended. I have also found and hereby declare that it is necessary to include in the accompanying reorganization plan, by reason of reorganizations made thereby, provisions for the appointment and compensation of officers specified in section 1 of the plan. The rates of compensation fixed for these officers are, respectively, those which I have found to prevail in respect of comparable officers in the executive branch of the Government.

I expect that the improved organizational arrangement provided for in Reorganization Plan No. 8 of 1953 will lead to substantial economies and significantly improved effectiveness of administration. It is not practicable, however, to itemize at this time the reductions

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

SECTION 1. *Establishment of agency.*—(a) There is hereby established a new agency which shall be known as the United States Information Agency, hereinafter referred to as the “Agency.”

(b) There shall be at the head of the Agency a Director of the United States Information Agency, hereinafter referred to as the “Director.” The Director shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall receive compensation at the rate of \$17,500 a year. The Secretary of State shall advise with the President concerning the appointment and tenure of the Director.

(c) There shall be in the Agency a Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency, who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall receive compensation at the rate of \$16,000 a year. The Deputy Director shall perform such functions as the Director shall from time to time designate, and shall act as Director during the absence or disability of the Director or in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Director.

(d) There are hereby established in the Agency so many new offices, not in excess of fifteen existing at any one time, and with such title or titles as the Director shall from time to time determine. Appointment thereto shall be under the classified civil service and the compensation thereof shall be fixed from time to time pursuant to the classification laws as now or hereafter amended, except that the compensation may be fixed without regard to the numerical limitations on positions set forth in section 505 of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended (5 U. S. C. 1105).

SEC. 2. *Transfer of functions.*—(a) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, there are hereby transferred to the Director (1) the functions vested in the Secretary of State by title V of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as amended, and so much of functions with respect to the interchange of books and periodicals and aid to libraries and community centers under sections 202 and 203 of the said Act as is an integral part of information programs under that Act, together with so much of the functions vested in the Secretary of State by other provisions of the said Act as is incidental to or is necessary for the performance of the functions under title V and sections 202 and 203 transferred by this section, and (2) functions of the Secretary of State with respect to information programs relating to Germany and Austria.

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(b) Exclusive of so much thereof as is an integral part of economic or technical assistance programs, without regard to any inconsistent provision of Reorganization Plan Numbered 7 of 1953, and subject to subsection (c) of this section, functions with respect to foreign information programs vested by the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as amended, in the Director for Mutual Security provided for in section 501 of the said Act are hereby transferred to the Director.

(c) (1) The Secretary of State shall direct the policy and control the content of a program, for use abroad, on official United States positions, including interpretations of current events, identified as official positions by an exclusive descriptive label.

(2) The Secretary of State shall continue to provide to the Director on a current basis full guidance concerning the foreign policy of the United States.

(3) Nothing herein shall affect the functions of the Secretary of State with respect to conducting negotiations with other governments.

(d) To the extent the President deems it necessary in order to carry out the functions transferred by the foregoing provisions of this section, he may authorize the Director to exercise, in relation to the respective functions so transferred, any authority or part thereof available by law, including appropriation acts, to the Secretary of State, the Director for Mutual Security, or the Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, in respect of the said transferred functions.

SEC. 3. *Performance of transferred functions.*—(a) The Director may from time to time make such provisions as he shall deem appropriate authorizing the performance of any function of the Director by any other officer, or by any employee or organizational entity, of the Agency.

(b) Representatives of the United States carrying out the functions transferred by section 2 hereof in each foreign country shall be subject to such procedures as the President may prescribe to assure coordination among such representatives in each country under the leadership of the chief of the United States diplomatic mission.

SEC. 4. *Incidental transfers.*—(a) So much of the personnel, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds, employed, used, held, available, or to be made available in connection with the functions transferred or vested by this reorganization plan as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall determine shall be transferred to the Agency at such time or times as he shall direct.

(b) Such further measures and dispositions as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall deem to be necessary in order to effectuate the transfers provided for in subsection (a) of this section shall be carried out in such manner as he shall direct and by such agencies as he shall designate.

SEC. 5. *Interim provisions.*—Pending the initial appointment under section 1 of this reorganization plan of the Director and Deputy Director, respectively, therein provided for, their functions shall be performed temporarily, but not for a period in excess of 60 days, by such officers of the Department of State or the Mutual Security Agency as the President shall designate.

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